

REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the Applicant's information disclosure statement filed September 24, 2003, failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it did not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each document listed that is not in the English language. In response, the Applicant respectfully provides the following explanations for consideration and requests that the Examiner acknowledge such consideration.

Reference BF (Japanese 7-12920, 2/1995) includes a spring and cam feature within a clamping arm.

Reference BH ("Auramo RC-250J," 1 page (1976)) depicts a rotating rollclamp having a pair of clamping arms opposed to a single clamp arm.

Reference BI ("Yamakawa Detent Linkage," 3 pages (1990)) discloses a detent and cam feature on a clamping arm.

Reference BJ ("Cascade Japanese Pin-in-Socket Linkage," 2 pages (1990)) shows a pin-in-socket linkage between a pair of clamping arms.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 11-12 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner further indicated claims 11-12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the aforementioned rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Regarding claim 11, the Applicant has clarified what is meant by "enabling said bypass flow interchangeably" by amending claim 11 to claim, in part, "said fluid bypass assembly is capable of enabling said bypass flow to cause said opening movement of either of said pair of clamp arms alternatively." The Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is now in a condition for allowance.

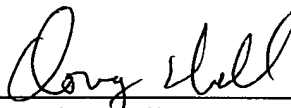
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Regarding claim 12, the Applicant has provided the required antecedent basis by amending claim 12 to claim, in part, "said fluid bypass assembly includes a pressure-responsive valve enabling said bypass flow while simultaneously preventing flow through said fluid flow regulator." The Applicant respectfully submits that claim 12 is now in a condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated claims 1-10 and 13 were allowed. In view of the Applicant's amendments for claims 11-12, all the pending claims, claims 1-13, should now be in a form suitable for allowance, and allowance of such claims is requested. If the Examiner for any reason believes that direct communication would advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's counsel at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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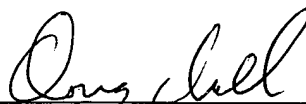


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